

A HAPPY ENDING.

Of course, Arthur Roe, nursing that awful gash over the eye, will not subscribe to the above heading. It was an unhappy finish for him, but it was happy to the extent that we finished as we began—with a win. Northampton are not a great side, and they will have to do a lot of mending if they are to have a serviceable side next season. They were soundly beaten on Saturday, although the Town team was not at the recognised full strength. In fairness to the "Cobblers," however, it must be said that they were also without their strong man, Jobey.

Although Jim Walker got two of the Town's three goals, he was not an ideal leader. Some of his passes were very fine, but he was not able to snap up chances as quickly as we like a centre-forward to do. Nevertheless, he showed much skill, and with a little experience he would probably put up as good a game as leader of the van as he does when playing in the next line. His first goal was a fitting consummation to great work by Hoar, who took a pass from Butcher, drew the defence, and then loited the ball into the centre for WALKER to head into the net. This was the only score before the change of ends, and five minutes after the restart Watson failed to intercept a pass from Hoar, and gave HIGGINBOTHAM an easy chance. WALKER got the third after a rush by Bassett.

Northampton had a few chances, but not nearly so many as Luton, and the result about represents the respective merits of the teams.

Bailey had only a couple of dangerous shots to stop, and his backs did well. Lennon playing on the top note, and Stephenson showing better form than in previous runs with the first eleven. All the halves did well, and to Millar the compliment paid to Stephenson may be applied. Without being a classy line, the forwards showed good form individually, and the left wing combined well. Higginbotham also played with much skill.

For the "Cobblers," Smith kept a good goal, and Jeffs did well at back, Tomkins at half, and Lockett and Pease forward.